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"Beware the Wild Cat"

(Contributed)

"Saturday Night" Toronto, issues solemn warning to all and sundry to "keep off the grass" of the Alberta Oil fields and produces once more the bogey "Wild Cat" in support. "Lots of gas and not much oil" is the statement to date. "Lots of gas and a moderate quantity of oil" is the prophecy of the future. Not very encouraging even for the Imperial Oil company which is a subsidiary company of the Standard Oil company. Still less encouragement for the Westerners who are relying upon Alberta to furnish them with Canadian oil instead of the American brand in the future. Not even much encouragement for the old bogey "the wild-cat". Yet still they drill on. Still they cap the "dusty holes" and still they watch and wait. The East also sits still and after long confabulations with the oil barons of America in the United States, after fully investigating Canada's Western oil problems, from an easy chair yells "wild-cat".

Sure—Western oil is a "wild cat" even the Imperial Oil says so, and they know it must be true, for they not spent many dollars to find out? But—and again But—Why this sudden solicitude for the poor unfortunate "Sucker" who likes to gamble just as well as those whose gambling is governed by cold-blooded business? Why these solemn warnings not to start anything which will lead anyone or everyone to believe there is Oil at Fabian, is oil in Peace River, is oil at Fort Norman? Why the careful suggestion that the field is so difficult of entry, that old bogey of Hudson Bay days, when the trapper was a "butteinski" at least he was told so, and again, Why? Should not the Westerner or the Easterner for that matter spend his money wild catting for oil, with every reasonable chance of finding it?—or, of having found it, as to pay the same charge in guise of American oil purchases? And so the game goes on, the battle of the Standard Oil, the battle of the Shell company, the battle of Nations, with the small fry—"Suckers" "Wild-Catters" and hopeful ones edging in. As the Wall Street Journal of a recent date said, "it is a battle of giants" and the prize is the vast New Bonanza, outrivalling the Rand, the Klondyke, or the Kimberley Diamond Mines, a discovery, which, if proved up as indications point, will put all other oil fields in the shade. Hence the jockeying, the concealment, the contradiction, the warning "Beware" and the "Open Policy" of carefully half printed truths. "Lots of gas but not much oil" says Toronto, and passes the field up. But here is what several well known authorities have to say as to the field. Statements made at various times and under various conditions—on the field of the drill, to the local citizens, whose excitement must be cooled, otherwise they might "wildcat", and in the East at the dinner tables of the mighty. True statements?—may be, maybe not, but then, someone took them for truth and published them. Here they are: Mr. A. M. McQueen of the Imperial Oil company from the Canadian Mining Journal dated 28th of July, 1922—page 492—an extract from that interesting, useful, and exceedingly bright publication "Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada, published by the C. P. R.; Mr. McQueen is vice-president of the Imperial Oil Company, therefore speaks with authority.

"The possibilities of the field can be determined only by drilling. Four wells are now in operation. The expenditure in the district has been and will be heavy. The Company recognizes, however, that all that can be accomplished as a result of this heavy expenditure is simply to demonstrate whether or not there exists in that country a reservoir of oil which may become available many years hence when OIL IS MUCH SCARCE, AND THE PRICE MUCH GREATER THAN IT IS TODAY.

So much for the Fort Norman field to which this statement refers. He did not say anything about the field being practically proved. That, there are on the ground, eight, five thousand gallon tanks all filled with light oil from the Norman well, and that the balance of the steady gusher flow was being allowed to run into the River. Mr. McQueen did not tell the public that the two other wells being sunk in the vicinity of the Norman well had simply been bored to the oil cap, and there drilling had stayed. He said nothing either about the sixty miles of leases on both sides of the river which are covered today and controlled by whom?—OH! LOOK UP THE RECORDS.

So much for the Fort Norman Field, which authentic report, and recent at that, states is OIL and again OIL. So much for Fort Norman, and still the drill goes down, still the well is CAPPED, and still the deprecating cry "Beware the Wild-cat". AND THE FABYAN WELL, about which so much has been heard, so many rumors floated, so many absolute facts made known, so many people who are willing to stake their life on what they have actually seen—yet so many denials made. Full-visioned, intelligent and most conservative people have seen the Oil Gusher, have smelt oil, have watched afar the movements of the driller and his crew, stood in oil, packed oil away and still "here is no oil" but still the drill goes on, and still Dame Hope flies high—and still once more it is denied: "No use in crying Gusher when there is no Gusher". No use in saying there is oil in Commercial

quantities when there is not—Nearly but not quite. No use in drilling any further, but, but, still the drill goes down, through the Cretaceous, through the water, and on into the Devonian where the lighter oil is found, and still the well is CAPPED—CAPPED—CAPPED. Why Capped? Because there is no oil.

The British Royal Commission takes a hand investigating natural resources of the British Empire. This Commission stated that Northern Alberta was evidently one of the largest possible oil bearing countries on the face of the Earth, and its best prospect of today on the North American Continent. And here again is Dr. George M. Dawson the great Canadian Geologist. "All the circumstances point to the probable existence of a GREAT PETROLEUM FIELD."

Once more, while there is still no oil—one more, while Eastern Armchair critics shout "wild-cat" like jokers repeating the slogan of the Imperial Oil Company, the subsidiary of the Standard Oil company of the United States, which is "we can wild-cat but not you," the drill still goes down, the "Dusty hole is capped" and still there is "No Oil".

And now come to the field that has especially been picked out as the bogey field, which is the Peace River field, and now for the Arm-chair critics with facts and data gathered, as admitted from the Imperial Oil company who have "no interests in the Peace River field"—at least not officially. Once more the well is sunk, once more the eye witnesses see light oil from ten inch casing rise Fifty feet high in the derrick for over an hour and photograph taken of same, and once more oil in commercial quantities and water is allowed to take possession, and once more the cry goes forth "a dusty hole". But lo and behold another hole is put down and at the 1510 ft level into the Devonian after 90 feet of oil sands were penetrated, oil flows out into the Peace River, well is capped, is here surrounded with barb-wire entanglements, watchman is at once placed to guard well with gun, but still the cry goes forth "No Oil" and the Eastern Arm-chair Critic takes up the cry "Beware the Wild Cat"—once more the dusty hole is capped—but still there is no oil—just gas and a little oil, with a future of Gas and a "Little Oil".

But here are facts vouchcd for, conservative and interesting:

"The story of oil exploration in the Peace makes all ponder who give it a thought, it has a romantic ring, a full flavor of wildcats? May be, maybe not. It seems to speak more of "keep off the grass". On October 11th, 1917, the McArthur well came in at 980 feet and on the first day there was forty feet of oil in the well. Drillers quit and went into town and filed on leases, so much for the drillers opinion. The oil is 18 degrees Baume, on the following day twenty-four citizens of the town of Peace River and Edmonton visited the well and the driller reported a raise of fifty feet in well since baling the day before, being ninety feet of oil in the well, and stating capacity of well to be one hundred barrels if placed on pump. So much for "a little oil". Drilling was continued through seventy feet of oil sands to a depth of 1032 feet, oil having been struck at 692 foot level, and the oil rose five hundred feet in the casing—but still no oil had been struck? and the drill went on down through 53 feet of heavy Asphaltum when water was reached, which flooded the well. But the driller who also drilled four other wells in the district pointed out that with proper rigging it was perfectly possible to go deeper, through the sands producing Commercial oil, through the salt water, and through the oil cap of the Devonian limestone lying on top of the main oil pool, and under the salt water. He illustrated and corroborated this many times, giving examples of American wells, where similar conditions are not common and are overcome by the use of proper equipment. McArthur well No. 3 suffered the same fate—in each case the top oil sands were passed through, in each case no effort appears to have been made, to shut off the salt water, a perfectly easy matter according to the driller, and in each case the well is ruined by salt water. But still the drill goes on.

The old bogey "Tar not Oil" is exploded beyond recall. Refining by the cracking process gives sixty-five per cent kerosene and gasoline; thirty, per cent lubricating oil and only five per cent residuum in form of Asphalt. This explodes the bogey "Tar not Oil".

Now, if not too much trouble, let us see what has taken place in the last well drilled, and see what the Bogey here is. Peace River Petroleum No. 2. Top oil passed up as before, also salt water as before. The Devonian limestone entered with the result that thirty million cubic feet of wet gas was liberated, which cleaned water out of the hole, and stood a column of 34 degrees baume oil fifty-two feet high in the derrick for over an hour, long enough for the drillers wife to take a photograph of the Gusher. Gas exhausted itself and once more water got control. Still "No oil" is the cry. In the face of these facts can there be any doubt as to pay oil in the Peace River field?

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How can the East fairly express an opinion, excepting only the opinion of vested interests, whose objective is reported to be a future reservoir and not present immediate use of Canada's greatest and most needed natural resource. Why is it that when oil is mentioned, the answer is "WILD-CAT"? with thoughts of oil poison why the sudden solicitousness and interest shown by the BIG OIL COMPANIES in the protection of the "Sucker" from the "wild-cat"? Has not everything worth finding in Canada had its genesis in the "Wild-Cat" which is another word for the old spirit of Pioneer—where the prizes are enormous for the lucky ones, and the others who lost like white men smiled are tried again and again. Why this sudden enthusiasm and then fits of silence—excitement fading as the oil fades by reason of water and gas pressure, and only the well is capped. Again, Why? Why? Why the bogey and the scare. Is it because some one wants to grab off the rich prize of Canada's Oil Fields?

Do you believe that eye witnesses are cross-eyed and cannot see? That great corporations have suddenly become philanthropic and think more of the public interest than dividends. When they cry "WOLF" think it over, think that the development of Canada's oil fields mean to the bill of Canada today at present rendered by the United States of America, e'er you believe the cry "Wild-Cat" especially when coming from an Eastern arm-chair. Do not take small cloth for whole. There is always a string and someone to pull it, especially in OIL. Canada's leading question of today is "Who shall own her OIL RESERVES? SHALL THEY REMAIN BRITISH?"

And now sir, my last complaint to all this Heliophilic Policy in keeping our Canadian Oil Fields in the background is the Knocking attitude of the Edmonton Journal. Is the Edmonton Journal financed by Canadian or United States capital? and if it in the hands of the latter interests it cannot be hard to see why it is systematically knocking our Alberta Oil development, and so very outspoken in support of the Imperial Oil interests. There should be a law passed to compel drillers of oil wells in Alberta to show up what has been discovered, to the public in order to advance the oil interest of Alberta and of Canada, and not be allowed to cap the well and place watchmen over the same, as has been the case at the Fabian well near Wainwright and Irma. I am personally acquainted with too many people who like myself have seen the Fabian Gusher, gushing real live oil to height of one hundred and twelve feet in the air, not to believe and know that a real oil field exists at Irma and district.

TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS

This week the Times is being sent out to quite a number of ratepayers in the M. D. of Battle River who are not subscribers. We are doing this in conjunction with the councillors of this Municipality who take this means of getting their financial statement into the hands of all the ratepayers of their district. If you feel you would be interested in receiving the Times each week we would be pleased to send it to you in connection with the other papers with which you are clubbing, and as a special trial offer we will send the Times only until July 1st for fifty cents.

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IRMA DISTRICT

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BRITISH PETROLEUM'S RESUME DRILLING

After a couple of weeks of cold weather during which drilling operations have been suspended at the B.P. well east of Fabian, the company have resumed operations today. We understand the hole is down between 1500 and 1600 feet and the drill is in a dark shale. The hopes of the men at the well are very encouraging and the next few weeks should see some good developments.

DECISION TO SET CASING IN MCLEAN WELL IS REACHED

Decision to set casing to close off the water in the McLean well has been reached, and work will be started immediately to this end.

The casing will be set, if at all possible, without the use of cement, but if cement is the only way to shut off the water it will be used.

The bit now stands at some 2,800 feet in the McLean. The prevailing idea is that the Madison limestone has not been reached. As the most likely oil strata is that lying just on top of the Madison the drillers are quite hopeful. However, if the Madison line has been reached, there is still a good chance, as three distinct oil formations have been encountered from anyone of which production may be possible on the water pressure being removed.

Hon. Archie McLean went to the well Monday morning to make all arrangements for setting the casing. Thursday afternoon at Edmonton Mr. McLean stated he had just received a telephone message from the well and that the gas pressure was increasing all the time also that a coating of oil had accumulated on top of the 2,000 feet of water in the hole and that the cable and baler were saturated with oil.

GET A GOOD WELL

For some time Mr. S. W. Hess who is living on section 17-46-7, on one of the Sections owned by the Anderson Mortgage Co. of Spokane, has been having trouble trying to locate water. Most of the shallow wells in this district have gone dry and the farmers have had to go from 100 to 175 feet with a drilled well before finding another supply. Mr. Hess selected what he thought was a likely place to get a good supply and after having several of the neighbors test the soil with willow cuttings and other sure devices for locating wells he came to Irma and secured enough curbing to sink a four foot hole about twenty-five feet deep. The first few feet was easy digging but the deeper he went the dryer and harder it got till the clay was so hard that there was no further use of curbing. He kept on digging down and down until he had got 45 feet from the surface with no more signs of water than when he started. He then decided to give it up and got a drill, but one of the neighbors who had never seen the willow root fall persuaded him to get a test auger and bore on down with a two inch hole. This was down and after boring some 17 feet the formation appeared to change and became wetter. Encouraged by this indication he decided to dig down at least another 15 feet but before he got that far something happened and the bottom of the hole heaved up and the water started coming in almost as fast as he could climb out. At last reports the water had risen 15 feet in the four foot hole and with two men bailing it out as fast as possible no impression could be made on it. He now thinks he has one of the best wells in the country.

TO TALK ON RURAL BANKING

Mr. E. Earl of Vermilion intends to give a talk at Ordinance school on Wednesday evening, February 14, and at Battle Heights school on Thursday evening. The talk will be on Rural Banking and the meetings will be held under the auspices of the U. F. A. Everybody invited.

BLAIR - IRVING

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eaton on Wednesday evening, February 7th when Mr. D. R. Blair, of Edmonton, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Irving, of Picton, N. S.

Main Street

Mr. Jas. H. Hedley was a visitor to Edmonton Tuesday.

Miss Sawden returned from Edmonton Saturday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaspin on Monday, February 5th, a son.

Mr. J. W. Wyatt, of Edmonton spent the week w. in Irma returning to the city Tuesday morning.

The Imperial Lumber Company have a car of Big Diamond coal on the track.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Larson returned to Irma Friday night after spending a week in Edmonton.

Mr. Sid Miles was a delegate from Sunny Brae school to the school trustees convention at Calgary, and J. J. Armstrong delegate for Lewisville. They both returned home Friday night.

A good crowd attended the social at the church Monday night. Everyone appeared to enjoy the programme and games and the committee in charge have been requested to have another social evening in the near future.

Mrs. H. Peterson returned to Irma Monday evening after spending a couple of months with her folks at Acme, Alta.

The office force have not had time to read proof of the articles in this week's paper. My errors will have to be overlooked.

Mr. F. Peterson has returned after assisting at the seed fair at Edmonton. Mr. Peterson reports one of the finest displays of seed grain he has ever seen at Edmonton show.

Th. U. F. A. held their regular meeting last Saturday and decided to arrange for another picture show and an entertainment committee was appointed to arrange the date and further announcement will be made next week.

Mr. T. Derman returned to Irma Saturday night after a trip to Winnipeg.

Farmers Mutual have a car of Headlight coal on track.

Owing to unavoidable delays in the printing department The Times is published late this week. Some news items and ad changes will have to be held over until next week.

SILVER LANE

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walters and family are enjoying a three weeks visit from their son Lloyd by Weiburn Sash.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnes Hoskins of near Irma visited Thursday with Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Riley.

From all reports a fine time was had at the John Bronson home Friday evening. Violet was out over the weekend from Hardisty where she is attending Hardisty High.

The Silver Lane Progress Club meeting was postponed this week, so many of its members being sick. Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Horn are all reported on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Wednesday the 24th.

Mrs. Elliott the teacher from Fullerton spent the week-end in Edmonton visiting home folks.

Mr. Alf. Kene who has been confined to his home so long from pneumonia is able to be out a little now.

Mr. and Mrs. Quittenton gave a turkey supper last Wednesday evening. Those present for supper were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley, Mrs. Horn and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walters and family.

Frank Withall who went with Mr. Stott to New Jersey, U. S. A. is back and is working for Mr. Riley.

You people that enjoy a social evening out, don't forget we are having Literary at Silver Lane. Come along don't be afraid to come, we will give you a short program, a good debate, listen to, also a good cup of coffee or tea, cake and sandwiches. Remember the date, Friday, February 2nd, then again every two weeks.

The stork seems to like this neighborhood, it called at the Charley Roger home on last Friday and brought them a seven pound girl.

Mrs. R. C. McFarland, of Irma is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walters took Sunday dinner with the Ray Bronson family.

Mrs. Moore is very busy these days taking care of Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Rogers.

Don't forget the Literary, Feb. 16th.

A large programme is planned for that time.

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While Land is Cheap

THE IRMA DISTRICT OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN WISHING GOOD GRAIN OR STOCK FARMS

Good soil, the finest grass in Alberta, plenty of good water, good railway accommodation, English speaking settlers, land values that are bound to increase. Irma is situated on the Canadian National Railway, (G. T. P. Division), one hundred and ten miles southeast of Edmonton, has the best prospects of large oil and gas developments in the province, three elevators, three general stores, two lumber yards, Bank of Montreal branch, butcher shop, stock yards, hardware store, garage, barber shop, public and high school, church, one of the most modern creameries in the province and every business needed to make a good live town. Irma has long been noted for the excellent quality of grain and cattle raised on its farms. The grand champion shorthorn steer at the recent show held at Guelph, Ont., was from J. G. Clark & Sons farm near Irma. Following are a few listings of farms near Irma. If you are in a position to buy a good farm, either for an investment or a future home, come to Irma and look these over. For further particulars write to Irma Farm Exchange, Irma, Alberta.

Listing No. 1—\$1000.00 cash, balance house, barn 16x24 with 14x12 lean-to, 8x10 granary, two and half miles from town, price per acre \$20.00.

Listing No. 2—\$2500.00 cash, balance arranged, 320 acres, 100 acres ready to crop, good four room house, stable for 40 head of stock, garage, good well, heavy black loam, clay subsoil, all fenced, with woven wire, half mile from Irma, an ideal dairy farm. Price per acre \$22.00.

Listing No. 3—\$1000.00 cash, balance arranged, 320 acres, 100 acres ready to crop, good four room house, stable for 40 head of stock, garage, good well, heavy black loam, clay subsoil, all fenced, with woven wire, half mile from Irma, an ideal dairy farm. Price per acre \$22.00.

Listing No. 4—\$2500.00 cash, balance arranged on easy terms, 200 acres ready to crop, good four room house, stable for 40 head of stock, garage, good well, heavy black loam, clay subsoil, all fenced, with woven wire, half mile from Irma, an ideal dairy farm. Price per acre \$22.00.

Listing No. 5—\$2500.00 cash, 158 acres, well improved, good well, all tillable, 85 acres broken, 10 acres brush, all fenced with 3 wire, good well, five room house, barn 30x50 ft., good granary, pump house, chicken house 12x16, ice house 8x8, school on place, five miles from Irma, price per acre \$35.00.

Listing No. 6—\$2,500.00 cash, 100 acres, well improved, good soil, 50 acres broken, all fenced, good well, house 14x16 with upstairs, barn 32x40 good loft, school one mile, two and half miles from Irma. Price per acre \$30.00.

Listing No. 7—\$500.00 cash, balance arranged at 6 per cent. 100 acres, 40 acres broken, good well, plastered house, barn 16 x 24 for six horses, good soil, only 3 1/2 miles from Irma, a big snap at \$15.00 per acre.

Listing No. 8—\$500.00 cash, balance arranged on easy terms at 7 per cent. 160 acres, good heavy black soil, clay subsoil, 100 acres tillable, heavy rolling, with heavy brush, well fenced, good grass and shade, log and frame shack 12 x 24 with shingle roof, four and a half miles from Irma, three miles from good school, good neighbors, section of open land adjoining, and three wire fencing and cross ideal place for dairying and mixed stock, good well, four room frame farming. Price only \$12.00 per acre.

Listing No. 9—\$1500.00 Cash, balance arranged at 8 percent, quarter section, 52 acres under cultivation, 40 acres tillable, slightly rolling, two borders, section of open land adjoining, and three wire fencing and cross ideal place for dairying and mixed stock, good well, four room frame farming. Price only \$12.00 per acre.

The Canada Colonization Association, Limited, are looking for good raw and improved farm land for intending settlers. I have accepted an agency with this company and will be pleased to discuss their plan with any land owner in the Irma District. If you want to sell now is the time to get busy. Come in and talk it over.

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Irma, Alberta

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DIST. OF
BATTLE RIVER NO. 423

Councillors of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 met in Council room. Members present: Messrs. Fischer, Golding, McDonald, Burton and Merrick.

Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion of Mr. Merrick were adopted without amendment.

Correspondence from F. Ford K.C. re Wood-Wainwright Estate Co. read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Golding that See'y be instructed to notify the Department of Public Works that this Council approve of the diversion as shown on sketch forwarded by that Dept. on Dec. 8th, 1920, but as the owner of the land on the S.W. 14-45-8-wth had taken action against the railroad company for damages in blocking the roadway so that he cannot get into a portion of his farm, this Council did not feel they should authorize anything until the railroad company settle with this man for a crossing of some kind, so that the Council could not be held responsible at any later date. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Golding that a Caveat be filed against the N.E. 1-4 of 18-45-7-wth. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Merrick that the following accounts be passed and paid:

G. B. Golding—Councillors fees \$14.40

A. A. Fischer—Do. 10.80

J. A. McDonald—Do. 10.80

A. A. Fischer—Do. 22.00

Mr. Roy W. Hay—Auditor 7.50

Arthur Terry—Labor 30.00

Western Mun. News—Supplies 7.23

W. E. Washburn—Hardware .64

S. Merrick—Returning Off. 10.50

Mrs. Curman—Hospital Fees 59.50

Frank Ford—Legal fees 5.00

Moved by Mr. Burton that See'y be authorized to attend public meeting at Battle Heights School, Cd.

Moved by Mr. Merrick that See'y's attorney General's Dept. for information re opening road for George Thompson. Cd.

Moved by M. McDonald that Council adjourn. Cd.

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Men's Heavy Pure Wool Combs,	Reg. \$3.95, Now \$2.95
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We have a few Sweaters left in Mens. These
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Wool Sweaters that sold
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POULTRY MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Saturday afternoon Mr. T. Clyde
 of the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service gave an interesting discussion
 on raising more and better poultry
 for all of which he claims there is a
 big demand, when the right quality
 is produced. After his introductory
 remarks considerable time was spent in
 answering questions and some very
 instructive information was gained by
 those interested. A movement was
 started to have all eggs from Irma
 shipped through one agent which
 would give the farmers producing a
 better value for their product. Mr.
 Clyde intends spending some time in
 the district about the end of the month
 when he will inspect the flocks of
 anyone interested and will assist in
 culling out the unprofitable hens and
 show the breeders which are the right
 ones to breed from.

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VICTORY OATS **BANNER OATS**
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This Grain has all been Cleaned and Graded in the
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Siam Rice	4 lbs. for 25c
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JUST HOW TO MAKE ENDS MEET
 in time of financial depression, but one
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 red and white steer, white markings
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WANTED TO BUY—A few good
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 Bulls one year old. All from good
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STRAYED—from S.E. 35-49-9 one
 yearling steer, branded FC over half
 diamond, on right shoulder; also two
 year old steer branded FC over half
 diamond, on right shoulder, and bar
 over lazy F, B on left hip.—Kindly
 notify F. C. Wiese, Irma.

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 attachment, fits any sewing machine.
 Price \$2.50. Personal cheque 16c extra.
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 and ordered paid: Auditor W. Mason
 \$10.00; Imperial Lumber Co. \$77-
 70; G. L. Morrow, hardware, \$1.80;
 McFarland & Co., broom, \$1.15; N.
 M. Matheson, for affidavits, \$1.25.

